



DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE MINUTES

An Advisory Group to the City Council

Thursday, October 24, 2013
5:30 PM, Main Street Library

Council Members: Mayor Connie Boardman (Chair) and Council Member Joe Carchio

Absent: Council Member Jim Katapodis (Vice Chair)

Task Force Members: Brett Barnes, Domenic Iorfino, Kim Kramer, Ron Newman, Ralph Palomares, Cesar Pena, Susie Smith, Michael Wentworth, Cathy Werblin, Stephanie Wilson

Absent: Moe Kanoudi

City Staff: Ken Domer, Jennifer McGrath, Captain Russell Reinhart, Scott Hess, Kellee Fritzel, Teri Baker, Chris Cole, Dottie Hughes, Simone Slifman

Mayor Connie Boardman called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

1. Public Comments

Dixie Terry spoke regarding Seacliff Rehabilitation Center in the downtown. James Torres spoke and recommended re-branding Huntington Beach as a safe city by 2020 and encouraged high-quality business attraction. Deb Gabel questioned the presence of skateboarding and BMX biking during the US Open and recommended they be separate. Steve Daniel spoke and indicated that there should be a focus on the positive items downtown more so than the negative.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Boardman announced that JD Shafer, the representative of the Marketing and Visitors Bureau, has left his position at the Waterfront Hilton Resort and resigned from the Downtown Task Force, but that staff will be in contact with the Bureau to appoint another representative.

3. Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. General Discussion of Brown Act Requirements

City Attorney Jennifer McGrath handed out a photocopy to DTF members of "Open and Public IV: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act," and provided an overview of what would constitute a Brown Act violation, as well as answered questions from DTF members.

The Committee discussed the proposal to extend the meeting time and add public and Task Force comment time at the end. It was determined that there would be no time limit on Task Force

meetings, and that, starting with the next meeting, an item would occur at the end of the agenda to allow for Public Comments related to items not on the agenda.

5. General Discussion of Public Safety, but not limited to:

The Task Force discussed the following agendized items and made the following determinations:

- a) Establish a uniform dress code for downtown private security personnel in District 1
This item will not be recommended by the Task Force to the City Council.
- b) Establish private security for the downtown parking facilities in District 1 along with notification of this to the general public and to the downtown late night patrons.
The Task Force will recommend that the City Council consider providing additional security in public parking lots.
- c) Establish free parking in the downtown public parking structure for downtown late night employees.
The Task Force will recommend to the City Council that a mechanism be developed to increase use of the public parking structure for employees that work late night shifts.
- d) Expand the downtown surveillance camera program to cover all of District 1 along with notification of this to the general public and to the downtown late night patrons.
This item will not be recommended by the Task Force to the City Council.
- e) Consider modification to City Council Resolution 2013-24 along with adding 2013-24 as a Zoning Text Amendment to the DTSP.
Task Force members will review the Resolution and discuss this item at the November 13, 2013 meeting.

6. Consideration of changing 11/14 meeting

It was decided that the next DTF meeting will occur on November 13 instead due to the concurrent retirement dinner for the Police Chief on November 14. The meeting scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, November 28, will be rescheduled to December 5.

7. Future Agenda Items

Mayor Boardman requested that requests for future agenda items be provided to her by November 4. Task Force member Domenic Iorfino requested discussion regarding an approach to the Coastal Commission to make the beach parking lots available for the public in the evening that the downtown residential neighborhoods be limited to resident permit parking only. Task Force Member Kim Kramer requested that both local and state representatives of ABC be asked to speak at a future meeting and that the Task Force discuss parking pass discounts.

8. Adjournment – Next Meeting November 13, 2013, 5:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.